

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendments is respectfully requested.

Summary of Amendments

Upon entry of the foregoing amendments claims 82-101, 103-129, 131-136, 138-141 and 146-151 are cancelled and claims 152-213 are added, whereby claims 152-213 will be pending, with claims 152, 183 and 208 being independent claims.

Support for the new claims can be found throughout the present specification. In particular, the specific compounds which have been added to those recited in the now cancelled claims are supported, for example, by the disclosure in pages 13-23 of the present specification.

Applicants point out that the cancellation of claims 82-101, 103-129, 131-136, 138-141 and 146-151 is without prejudice or disclaimer, and Applicants expressly reserve the right to prosecute the cancelled claims in their original, unamended form in one or more continuation and/or divisional applications.

Applicants further note that entry of the claims submitted herewith is proper because these claims do not raise any new issues and do not require a further search. In particular, the claims submitted herewith differ from the cancelled claims substantially only in that all generic terms present in the cancelled claims have been replaced by specific substances which are mentioned in the specification as species of the respective genus.

Summary of Office Action

As an initial matter, Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner has indicated consideration of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filed September 5, 2008 by returning a signed and initialed copy of the form PTO-1449 submitted therein.

Applicants further note with appreciation that claim 111 (corresponding generally to new claim 183) is indicated to be allowable.

Claims 82-101, 103-110, 112-129, 131-136, 138-141 and 146-151 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Response to Office Action

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested, in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

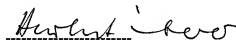
The rejection of claims 82-101, 103-110, 112-129, 131-136, 138-141 and 146-151 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph essentially asserts that the specification as originally filed fails to provide sufficient written basis for any of the allegedly broad terms which are recited in the rejected claims such as, e.g., C₁₂₋₄₀ fatty acids, and thus allegedly does not convey the impression that Applicants were in possession of the invention recited in the rejected claims.

Applicants respectfully (and strongly) disagree with the Examiner in this regard for at least all of the reasons which have been set forth in the response to the previous Office Action. Nevertheless, merely in order to advance the prosecution of the present application to allowance, the claims submitted herewith are free from any generic terms, thereby rendering the present rejection moot.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all claims in the present application are in condition for allowance, which action is again respectfully requested. If any issues yet remain which can be resolved by a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,
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